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Re the application of: Sebastian Böhm, *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/027,484

Filed: December 21, 2001

For: MICROFLUIDIC SYSTEM INCLUDING A
VIRTUAL WALL FLUID INTERFACE PORT FOR
INTERFACING FLUIDS WITH THE MICROFLUIDIC
SYSTEM

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By:

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION


Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated January 31, 2002, Applicant's attorney submits herewith two executed Declarations, Petitions and Powers of Attorney and substitute drawings (Figures 1-23B) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 for the above-identified patent application. A check in the amount of \$130.00 for the surcharge based on large entity is enclosed. A copy of the Formalities Letter is also enclosed.

Please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. *A duplicate of this letter is enclosed.*

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

The following item(s) appear to have been omitted from the application:

- Figure(s) 20a-c, 21a-c described in the specification.

I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) with evidence of such deposit must be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if it is determined that the item(s) was received by the USPTO.

II. Should applicant desire to supply the omitted item(s) and accept the date that such omitted item(s) was filed in

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the USPTO as the filing date of the above-identified application, a copy of this Notice, the omitted item(s) (with a supplemental oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such items), and a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 (with the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h)) requesting the later filing date **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice.

III. The failure to file a petition (and petition fee) under the above options (I) or (II) within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice (37 CFR 1.181(f)) will be treated as a constructive acceptance by the applicant of the application as deposited in the USPTO. **THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b).** In the absence of a timely filed petition in reply to this Notice, the application will maintain a filing date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the USPTO, and original application papers (*i.e.*, the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the USPTO on the date of deposit.

In the event that applicant elects not to take action pursuant to options (I) or (II) above (thereby constructively electing option (III)), amendment of the specification to renumber the pages consecutively and cancel incomplete sentences caused by any omitted page(s), and/or amendment of the specification to cancel all references to any omitted drawing(s), relabel the drawing figures to be numbered consecutively (if necessary), and correct the references in the specification to the drawing figures to correspond with any relabelled drawing figures, is required. Any drawing changes should be accompanied by a copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink. Such amendment and/or correction to the drawing figures, if necessary, should be by way of preliminary amendment submitted prior to the first Office action to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*



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Description of Paper* and No.: Transmittal Letter for New U.S. Patent Application (2 pages, in duplicate); New U.S. Patent Application (including 50 pages of specification, 8 pages of claims, 1 page of abstract), and 14 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-23B); Unexecuted Declaration, Petition, and Power of Attorney for Patent Application (6 pages); Completed Application Data Sheet (3 pages); Check in the Amount of \$2,210.00; and this return postcard.

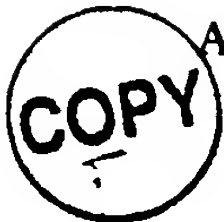
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Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

1. Response to Notice To File Missing Parts of Non Provisional Application;
2. Two executed Declarations, Petitions and Powers of Attorney;
3. 15 sheets of substitute drawings (Figures 1-23B) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84;
3. Copy of Formalities Letter;
4. Check in the amount of \$130.00 for surcharge;
5. Request for One-Month Extension of Time;
6. Check in the amount of \$110.00 for extension fee;
7. Petition Requesting Grant of Original Filing Date Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.53 (e)(2) (*including copies of originally filed figures, application transmittal letter, stamped postcard receipt, and express mail label*); and
8. Return acknowledgment postcard.

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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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Enclosed are:

- ☐ This is a request for filing a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application serial no. _____ filed on _____ entitled _____.
- ☒ 50 pages of specification, 8 pages of claims, 1 pages of abstract.
- ☒ 14 sheets of drawings.(Figs. 1-23B)
- ☒ A Declaration, Petition and Power of Attorney.(unexecuted)
- ☐ An assignment of the invention to _____ A recordation form cover sheet (Form PTO 1595) is also enclosed.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Other Application Data Sheet, Acknowledgement Postcard

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- ☒ Address all future communications (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record) to Anthony A. Laurentano, Esq. at **Customer Number: 000959** whose address is:

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